IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF GURNY ET AL.
APPLICATION NO:

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FOR: NANOPARTICLES FOR ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL AGENTS OF LOW SOLUBILITY

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, directly beneath the title, insert the following:

-- This is a continuation of Application No. 09/458,622, December 10, 1999, pending, which is a continuation of Application No. 09/287,421, April 7, 1999, abandoned, which is a continuation of Application No. 08/945,587, November 20, 1997, abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP96/01769, April 26, 1996. —

REMARKS

A cross-reference has been inserted beneath the title. Favorable consideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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